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[Despatch Abstract.]

POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION : LAND CULTIVATION SCHEMES FOR EX-SERVICEMEN : TERMINAL DATE OF SUBMISSION OF SCHEMES FOR GOVERNMENT OF INDIA GRANT : GOVERNMENT OF INDIA'S DECISION : COMMUNICATED TO REGISTRAR OF CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES : PAPERS RECORDED.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF RESETTEMENT AND EMPLOYMENT
MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

No.REM.130.
Dated, New Delhi, the 30th September 1948.

From

P.V. Kuppuswami, Esquire,
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments.

Subject: TERMINAL DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF LAND SETTLEMENT SHCMES FOR EX- SERVICEMEN.

Sir,

I am directed to address you on the above subject and to say that the Government of India have decided that all land settlement schemes which the Provincial Governments desire to sponsor for the resettlement of ex-servicemen should be submitted to this Ministry by 30th June 1949, at the latest for the consideration of the Government of India and sanction of the per capita grant of Rs. 500 per ex-servicemen settled. Schemes received after that date will not be considered for financial assistance from the Centre.

2. It will therefore be appreciated if immediate steps are taken by your Government to ascertain the availability of land in your Province and schemes are prepared and sent on the lines of the model schemes for colonisation and individual grants copies of which are enclosed for ready reference.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/ P.V. KUPPUSWAMI.
Under Secretary to the Government of India.

LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME IN ....STATE/PROVINCE/CENTRALLY ADMINISTERED AREA.

Information:

1. Area to be colonised:

The Government of..... offers..... acres of land for settlement by ex-Servicemen. It is estimated that.....men will be settled on this land. A note regarding the description of the areas is at Appendix "A".

2. Acreage to be allotted to each Colonist:

An economic holding of ..... acres will be allotted to each settler, subject to increase according to personal requirement of the individual and availability of land.

3. Terms under which allotments will be made:

(a) The settler will be given permanent occupancy rights on the land, which will be given free of cost by the Government.

(b) Rights on the land will be heritable but NOT transferable nor divisible.

(c) The colonists will be governed by all the rules and regulations in force.

4. Taxes:

(a) The Government will remit all assessement for the first... years, after which the settler will pay land revenue at full rates according to the classification of the soil The rates at present vary from Rs.....to Rs.....

(b) In case of land irrigated by tank or channel water, an additional water rate of Rs.....per acre will be levied, in addition to the aforesaid dry rates.

5. Factors relevant for settlement:

(a) Housing - Approximate cost Rs..... where possible, stone and timber will be allowed free of charges by the Government

(b) Livestock - A pair of bullocks cost (Approx.) Rs.

(c) Implements - Approximate cost Rs..... for each settler.

(d) Further initial outlay - Rs..... for miscellaneous labour charges etc.

6. Finance:

Appendicies "B" and "C" refer.

7. Welfare and amenities:

Educational facilities will be provided at the colonies. There is a dispensary at....., situated about..... miles from the colony.

8. Oraganisation of the Colony:

(a) The colonies will consist of-..... villages, located in different blocks as indicated in Appendix A.

(b) The settlers selected for different villages will have affinity or homogenity of service or place of domicile.

(c) As far as possible suitable ex- V.C.Os ane ex-N.C.Os will be selected and appointed as Village headman or Lambardars

(d) The normal holding of each settler will be.....acres. Those selected as Village Headmen may be allotted increased holdings

(e) Allotment of holdings will be made by the Government Colonixation Officer drawing lots for individuals.

(f) Artisans, etc., required for the economic life of the village will, as far as possible, be selected from the same class of ex-servicemen as are the settlers and allotted limited holding of land.

(g) All settlers and persons employed in the village areas will be required to live in the village as far as possible.

or

9. SELECTION OF SETTLERS: Native/domiciled in the Province/State/ neighbouring or other States/British Indian Districts - Choice to be indicated by the Government concerned.

(a) Conditions of eligibility:

(i) Ex-servicemen from the Armed Forces - men of the three Defence Services to be given equal opporunities.

(ii) Serving personnel shortly to be released.

(iii) Ex-servicemen or serving personnel in the State Forces; who have served under the Crown.

(iv) Men with meritorious sergice to be given preference provided other conditions are fulfilled.

(v) Military character not below "very good" as certified by the O.C.

(vi) NOT Farmking experience.

(vii) NOT possessing an economic holding.

(viii) Will settle of the land allotted and work it by himself and members of his family.

(ix) Will contribute a share towards the initial and recurring expenditure for farming.

(b) (b) Procedure for selection:

1. ~~(i)~~ In the case of State ex-Servicemen -

(i) State Colonisation Officer to publicise the scheme through the State Gazette or Press Notification and through ~~D.A.~~ D.S.S.A.Bs and Employment Exchanges and State Forces Units calling for applications.

(ii) Registration of applications by the Commandant, State Forces, calling for applications from men, who have served under the Crown.

(iii) Selection of Colonists by a Selection Board consisting of State Colonization Officer, and Representatives of Commandant State Forces and the Ministry of Labour (D.G.R.E

(2) In the case of British Indian personnel, the Provice/State will call for applications through Ministry of Labour (D.G.R.E.)

(3) Selection Board to be nominated by the State to interview and select candidates.

~~(c) As far as possible~~ and
(4) Full particulars of the grant of land/other facilities to be explained to the settlers at the time of final selection.

(5) Final selection is entirely at the discretion of the Government and decision of the Selection Board will be final.

10. CLASSES ELIGIBLE:

Candidates will be restricted to (provice/ (Classes and caste to be mentioned) from and State) on neighbouring State.

11. INDIVIDUALS ELIGIBLE:

V.C.Os, Petty Officers, Warrant Officers, Rating and Other Ranks are eligible to take part in the scheme on the terms stated.

12. GENERAL:

(a) The Scheme is now submitted through appropriate channels to the Labour Department for financial assistance by the Government of India in terms of Political Department Memorandum No. D.1344-PWR/46 of 15-6-1946 in the case of Indian States.,

and (b) In the case of Provinces and Centrally Administered Areas, the Government undertakes to furnish the Ministry of Labour (D.G.R.E) with quarterly report, of the progress of the scheme in terms of Defence Department No.919-S dated the 6th October 1947.

APENDIX. " "

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF COLONISTS:

INITIAL EXPENDITURE:

1. When a settler first arrives on his holdings, he will have to spend roughly the following sums:-

One pair of good bullocks.	Rs.
Cow and poultry.	Rs.
Implements.	Rs.
Carts.	Rs.
Food for a year for self and family.	Rs.
Fodder for cattle.	Rs.
Seeds and manure.	Rs.
Incidental labour charges.	Rs
Total.	Rs

(Note: The above are some of the probable items considered necessary, but they are not in any way complete or exhaustive - additions and alternations may be made.)

2. In addition to the above he will, during the first..... have to himself build himself a house on the model prescribed by the Government Colonisation Officer (This depends on local condition

3. Money for the above purposes will be put in the settler himself from his "war savings" or from a loan to be advanced by the State or a Cooperative Society (as the case may be) and will be repayable in instalments.

INCOME:

4. The following are the anticipated items of income of the settlers settled on.....acres as detailed below:

(a)
(b)
(c) etc.

5. The total net return for the year will be Rs.

6. Deducting tax and allowing for seeds, manure and other incidental ~~char~~ labour charges, the total net income will be Rs.

RECURRING EXPENDITURE:

7. From this net income the settler will have to meet -

(a) Instalment payment towards the loan for meeting the initial expenditure.

(b) Land revenue, water rates and cess etc after a certain number of years (if so)

NET INCOME:

8. During the time the settler is paying off his debts to the Government or the Society, and also taxes, if any, he may expect to have for his own use a sum of approximately Rs..... per annum, which is based on the conservative estimate.

APPENDIX. '

DESCRIPTION OF THE.....LAND COLONISATION AREA

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1. The Government have earmarked an area of approx. acres of land in the following blocks for the resettlement of ex-Servicemen (with a possibility of adding a further..... acres later, if any):-

Block "A" will consist of.....acres near.....(Town)
Block "B" will consist of.....acres near.....(Town)
and so on.

2. LOCATION: The exact location of each block with regard to its distance from market place, district, tehsil or railway station should be included under this heading.

3. COMMUNICATIONS:

(a) Existing -(
and) in respect of each block separately.
(b) Proposed -(

4. NATURE OF SOIL AND RAINFALL:

The soil is (quality of soil). Rainfall varies from to inches and begins from (months) and lasts till (month) except some occasional showers in the month of

5. RECLAMATION :

If any considered necessary for resettlement, giving the cost involved, and whether the cost will be borne by the State or the settlers.

6. IRRIGATION FACILITIES:

(a) Existing -)
and) In respect of each block separately.
(b) Proposed -)

7. CROPS:

(a) Normal crops grown in the neighbourhood of blocks.
(c) Yield per acre and average prices of each crop.
(d) Proposal as to lay out of each allotment.

APPENDIX ' '

DISTRIBUTION OF EXPENDITURE ON THE LAND SETTLEMENT SCHEME FOR EX-SERVICE-MEN IN...

1. (a) Area to be settled. Acres.....
   (b) Number of settled. Nos.....
   (c) Extent of economic holding. Acres.....

2. Following items will comprise overall cost of settling :

   (a) Cost of land @ Rs. per acre. Rs.
   (b) Cost of reclamation Rs
   (c) Irrigation Rs
   (d) Housing Rs
   (e) Provision of licestock, implements and seeds. Rs.
   (f) Maintenance of the settler for a year till the first crop harvest. Rs
   (g) Maintenance of bullocks for a year Rs
   (h) Miscellaneous labour charges Rs
   (i) Total cost of settling.....Ex-servicemen. Rs
   (j) Total expenditure per settler. Rs.

3. Allocation of expenditure per settler under the following heads:

   (a) India Government's grant Rs. 500 (if the overall cost is Rs. 1,500 or over)

   (b) Government's contribution by way of -
      (i) free grant of land or
      (ii) at concessional rate; Rs.
      (ii) waiting of revenue for period of years. Rs. Rs.
      (iii) Any other expenditure incurred for reclamation or irrigation of land, etc. Rs
      (iv) Supply of building material, stone, timber, cartage, etc Rs.

      (excepted amount to be "war saings" with the men)

   (c) Settler's cash cash contribution, when he enters the settlement at least. Rs

   (d) Government's loan to be settler to make up the balance of expenditure as per 2(j) Rs.
   (e) Total per settler. Rs.

4. Terms of grant of loan as in 3 (d) above by the State -
   (a) The amount of loan Rs
   (b) The rate of interest on the loan @....%.....
   (c) The period during which repayment to be made..... No. of years.
   (d) The year from which the fist instalment of the loan is to begin.

5. Taxes to be paid to the State -

   (a) Land revenue
   (b) Water rate
   (c) Any other cess.

   (i) The rate of taxes per acre.
   (ii) Period for which one or more of the above taxes are waived.
   (iii) Interval of re-assessment
   (iv) Any other concessions with regard to taxation

APPENDIX "B".

MODEL SCHEME FOR SETTLEMENT OF EX-SERVICEMENT ON INDIVIDUAL GRANT OF LAND IN PROVICE/CENTRAL ADMINISTERED AREA.

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1. GENERAL: The Government of Provice/Centrally Administered Area propose to make individual grants of land to ex-Servicemen of their Province within a reasonable distance from their place of residence as a resettlement measure. These lands are NOT in the nature of rewards for any specific meritorious service, but they shall be conditioned on the terms of grant indicated below.

The Government has instructed District Revenue Authorities to make a survey of all available lands in the province belonging to Government. Details of these lands are being compiled at the office of District Collectors or Deputy Commissioners.

2. EXTENT OF HOLDING: Each ex-servicemen will be granted an area of land which will be sufficient to give him and his family a decent standard of living. This area will be up to a maximum of 5 acres of wet land or 10 acres of dry land, depending on the soil and irrigation facilities available.

3. CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY: Ex-servicemen who apply for these grants should fulfil the following conditions:-

(a) That he is an ex-serviceman or about to leave the service, having served in the Armed Forces for more than 6 months between 1st September 1939 and 31st August 1945;
(b) that he has had experience in farming operations;
(c) that he possesses and explemary or very good character as certified by his Officer Commanding in his discharge certificate;
(d) that he does not already possess an economic holding in his own name;
(e) that he will set on land allotted and work it;
(f) that he is willing to deposit the prescribed sum of Rs. 300 as directed by the Government, this sum will represent his share of the inditial capital required to undertake farming operations;
(g) that he is domiciled in the Province;
(h) men with meritorious service will be given preference;
(i) combantants will be given preference over non-combatants in making allotments;
(j) that he agrees to abide by the rules and conditions of the grant in particular and where required by the Government , that he will become a member of the Co-operative Society which will administer the scheme in that area.

4. CONDITIONS OF GRANT: (a) the land allotted will be given free, the market value of the land being calculated as contribution by the Government towards the settlement scheme;

(b) the settler shall NOT sell, mortegage or otherwise alienate the land allotted to him under any conditions for a period of 10 years;

(c) the settler or his heirs shall undertake not to subdivide his holding either by inheritance or otherwise;

(d) the settler will be required to reclaim the land allotted to him and put it under cultivation within a period to be specfied by the assigining authority, having regard to the condition of the land;

(e) the land allotted will not be subject to attachment or sale by any court except towards any recovery of land revenue of other Government dues or local cesses;

(f) any financial or other assistance to the settler will be given through the Co-operative Society of which he shall become a member.

5. ORGANISATION: The settlers who are allotted lands within a reasonable distance say 3 to 5 miles will be required to become members of an Agricultural purposes Co-operative Society. The Society will receive grants and other financial assistance which will be extended to the settlers by Government or Co-operative Banks and distribute them to the settlers in accordance with the rules laid down. The Society will also supply farming and household articles to the settlers and arrange for the marketing of surplus product. The society will also produce provide tools and raw materials to promote cottage industries

and subsidiary occupations and arrange for the marketing of the products. The society will organise educational and other amenities and in short serve as the organisation for the welfare of the settlers. The Managing Committee of the Society shall in the first instance consist of office-bearers who will be nominated by Government and a proportion of members elected by the settlers. Rules and Bye-laws of the Society shall be drawn up by co-operative Department who will be in charge for the supervision and administration of the Society.

6. SELECTION OF SETTLERS: (a) Prodedure for application: Ex-servicemen desirious of securing land grants under this scheme shall fill in their applications in the prescribed form (copy attached as Appendix "A") and present it to the nearest Employment Exchange where their names are registered. The Manager of the Employment Exchange will check the details furnished by the applicants and then forward the applications to the Deputy Commissioner of District Collector of the district, where the land is applied for;

(b) Government will constitute a Selection Board with the District Collector of Deputy Commissioner as Chiarman and representatives of the Regional Director of Resettlement and Employment, the Director of Agriculture and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies as members to make the final selection of the settlers;

(c) the decision of the Selection Board shall be final.

7. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE: The Government will provide necessary staff from the Agricultural Co-operative Departments to organise the settlers on the lines indicated above and provide them with necessary facilities. Where possible, the settlers will be given opportunity of acquiring knowledge of improved methods of agriculture on either Government Agricultural farms or in special demonstration plots. Government shall also provide facilities for education, medical relief, communication, etc., so as to promote a higher standard of living amongst the settlers.

8. FINANCES: The following items will constitute the overall cost of settling ex-Servicemen under the scheme on individual grants of land -

(i)	Cost of land according to the market value at Rs. per acre.....	Rs. 500
(ii)	Cost of reclamation.	Rs. 100
(iii)	Cost of a house to be built where necessary	Rs. 500
(iv)	Livestock - a pair of bullocks and 1/2 a dozen plughs.	Rs. 300
(v)	Bullock cart.	Rs. 200
(vi)	Agricultural implements.	Rs. 50
(vii)	Seeds.	Rs. 50
(viii)	Manure	Rs. 50
(ix)	Maintenance of the settler and his family for 6 months till 1st crop is harvested.	Rs. 200
(x)	Maintenance of the cattle for 3 months.	Rs. 50
	Total.	Rs. 2000

(B) ALLOCATION OF EXPENDITURE:

The above expenses will be met from the following sources:-

(i)	Central Government contribution in terms of Defence Department letter No.919-S dated the 6th October 1945	Rs. 500
(ii)	Provincial Government's contribution by way of free grant of Govt. land estimated to cost at market value	Rs. 500
(iii)	Ex-Servicemen settlers initial cash contribution to be paid into the Co-operative Society.	Rs. 300
(iv)	Balance to be met as advance loan by the Provincial Government or Co-operative Bank, through the Settlers' Multi purpose Co-operative Society.	Rs. 700-
	Total. ..	Rs. 2,000

(c) The above loan of Rs. 700 will shall be recovered from the settler within a period of 10 years with interest charges at 3% by annual instalments of Rs. 100. Calculated on the basis of the normal yield of crops of the land, it will be possible for each settler to make a profit of at least Rs. 200 after meeting all charges including his and his family's expenses. A settler will thus be able to repay the loan in instalments at Rs. 100 per year.

9. CONCLUSION: The scheme is now submitted to the Government of India, Labour Department D.G.R.&.E. for their scrutiny and approval and for securing the sanction of Government of India's per capita contribution. Early orders on the scheme will be appreciated, since already several applications have been received by the Government for such grants of land and in some cases, lands have been allocated, as given in the schedule attached to this application.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Memorandum No.105955-R/48.2 dated 18th October 1948.

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Sub: POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION - Land Colonisation Scheme for Ex-Servicemen - Terminal date for submission of schemes for claiming contribution from the Government of India.

The Government of India, Ministry of Labour, have decided that all land settlement schemes which the Provincial Government desire to sponsor for the resettlement of ex-servicemen should be submitted to them by 30th June 1949 at the latest for consideration of the grant of Government of India and sanction of the per capita grant of Rs. 500. Schemes received after that date will not be considered by the Government of India for financial assistance. The Registrar of Co-operative Societies is, therefore, requested to examine the schemes which he proposes to start and those in respect of which a contribution from the Government of India has not yet been claimed and submit them to Government, not later than 1st April 1949 in the enclosed form.

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Secretary to Government.

To the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Office of the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (Resettlement), 10, Sterling Road, Cathedral Post, Madras.7-7-1949.

No.Roc. 10677/49-C3.

From

Sri J.G. Ryan, M.A.,
Registrar of Co-operative Societies
(Resettlement) Madras.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Development Department, Fort St.George, Madras.

Sir,

Sub: POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION - Land colonisation schemes for ex-Service men - Claiming of contribution from the Central Government - Terminal date fixed.

Ref: From the Government Development Department Memorandum No. 105955/R-48.2 dated 18th October 1949.

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Various land colonisation schemes that were dropped for some reason or other were re-examined with reference to the Government Memorandum cited. Only two of the schemes have so far materialised; (1) Piduguralla and (2) Allur and Nizampatam both in Guntur District. General approval of estimates has been accorded by the Provincial Government for bot the schemes. Claim towards Central Government's contribution has been submitted to the Government in respect of Piduguralla land colonisation society while that for the scheme at Allur and Niampatam will be submitted by 7th July 1949. There are some other schemes also which are noted below:-

1. D.M. Samudram (Coimbatore)
2. Bhavadevarapalli (Krishna)
3. Eğimoga (Krishna)
4. Barigam and Mettur Township Schemes (Salem)
5. Gundlapalli (Guntur)
6. Nallavaniankudikadu (Tanjore)
7. Racherla and Thimmapuram (Kurnool)
8. Dodda Doddanapudi (West Godavari).

They are in different stages of preliminary investigation and it is hoped that only three or four will materialise. When the proposals for their formation are finalised, I shall submit reports to Government for general approval and also particulars of claim to be made from the Central Government in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/. for Registrar.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS
Development Department.

Memorandum No. 72689-R/49.2 dated the 3rd August 1949.

Sub: POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION - Co-operative land colonisation schemes for ex-service men - Contribution from Central Government.

Ref: Letter from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, No. Roc. 10677/49-C3 dated the 7th July 1949.

In the letter cited, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has stated that there are eight more land colonisation schemes for ex-service men which are under examination by him and that about three or four of them are likely to materialise. He has also stated that he would submit proposals /in due course/ for the general approval of Government to the schemes and for claiming the per capita grant in respect of them from the Government of India. The Registrar is informed that as the last date for the submission of such proposals to the Government of India was 30th June 1949 there are no chances of the Government of India considering further proposals for the sanction of the per capita grant. The outstanding schemes should, therefore, be examined without taking into account the Government of India's grant.

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Secretary to Government

To the Registrar of Co-operative Societies (Resettlement.)

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION - Land Colonisation Schemes for ex-servicemen - Terminal date for submission of schemes for claiming the Government of India's grant.

From the Government of India, (DGRE) Ministry of Labour, No. REM-130 dated the 30th September 1948.

Please see the letter from the Government of India at pp 1-2 c.f. and its enclosures at pp 3-12 c.f. They have decided that all land colonisation schemes which the Provincial Government desire to sponsor for the resettlement of ex-servicemen should be submitted to them by the 30th June 1949, at the latest for their consideration and sanction of the per capita grant of Rs. 500 per ex-servicemen settled. Schemes received after that date will not be considered by India for financial assistance. They also request that immediate steps should be taken by the Provincial Government to ascertain the availability of land in the Province and the Schemes are prepared and sent on the lines of the model schemes for colonisation.

2. There are now 10 schemes which have been taken up as worth trying and a claim has been made to the Government of India for their grant. The Registrar of Co-operative Socieies has some schemes under examination. The case of theScheme in Kummarapurugupalem villages in West Godavari district, the Standing Finance Committee of the Cabinet suggested that the scheme should be deferred till the schemes which are on hand are nearing completion. When the file relating to Vakkur and Kappampuliyur village in South Arcot district was circulated, H.M. (Wood) ordered that the proposal should be deferred till the budget proposals are brought up. The question whether this Government would be prepared to take up fresh schemes will be known only after the financial position of the Province is known. Meanwhile the Registrar of Co-operative Societies may be asked to submit the schemes which he proposes to take up by about 1st April 1949. It it is decided to take up fresh schemes, they may be sent to Government of India for sanction of their grant. Subject to orders, a draft memo to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies is submitted for approval. Finance may see before issue.

It does not appear that ~~the~~ we can work with the allocation of expenditure as shown on p. 17 c.f.It has been reported that ex-servicemen are not able to find more than Rs- 50 per head as share capital. This question has to be taken up with India later when the Registrar's reply is received.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

The notes on pp 1-2 above and the draft memo below may be perused and the case returned to Devt.

DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

The memo has been issued. The papers may be recorded in a Ms, G.O, A call book entry will be made against 1-4-1949.

G.O. (Ms) No. 5390 Dev. dated 2nd November 1948.

Abstract

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POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION - Land Colonisation Schemes for Ex-Servicemen - Terminal date for submission of schemes for Government of India grant - Government of India's decision communicated to Registrar of Co-operative Societies - Papers recorded.

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